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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/645,153	<b>Applicant(s)</b> DELANEY ET AL.	
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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 February 2010.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                    | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____                                      |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### **Final Rejection**

#### ***Response to Arguments & Amendment***

Applicant's arguments concerning the prior art rejection of Morris in view of Vancura are persuasive. Specifically, Examiner agrees that these references do not disclose or render obvious, selecting or determining a game result from a fixed pool of game results derived from a non-fixed pool game, wherein the game play result represents a fixed sum award determined prior to base and bonus game play and having a base game play result and a bonus game amount, in combination with the other claimed limitations.

However, Applicant's amendment, amending "Class III style" to "non-fixed pool," does not comply with the enablement requirement, as set forth more fully below. Thus, while the Examiner believes that the claims appear otherwise allowable, Applicant needs to recite this limitation in a manner consistent with Section 112.

Additionally, Examiner points out that claim 1 recites that each element is "divisible," which does not require that each element is actually divisible. As such, the term is viewed as intended usage; merely requiring prior art ability to perform. Applicant should amend this term to recite "divided" or positively recite this limitation using appropriate language.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the

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art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Independent claims 1, 6 and 11 contain subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

The claim language "Class III style" was amended to recite "non-fixed pool.", which appears to be a new matter. Applicant contends that this limitation is supported by the disclosure of non-fixed pool games having bonus rounds, starting on Page 15 of the Specification.

However, the Examiner has reviewed the cited portions & is unable to find adequate support for claim limitations requiring fixed pools of elements derived from a non-fixed pool game. In fact, the section Applicant points to begins under the heading "Pool generation or Protocol Use For Fixed-Pool Games With Bonus." (Specification, Page 15.) Furthermore, the subsequent disclosure is only of base and bonus games mimicked in jurisdictions with fixed-pool games using multiple pools and fixed-pool games using single pools. (Specification, Page 16.) Moreover, Applicant's Background discloses desirability for games based on fixed pools and not non-fixed pools. (Specification, Page 2.)

Applicant is requested to point out support for the amendment or amend the claims consistent with provisions of Section 112.

***Conclusion***

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **OMKAR A. DEODHAR** whose telephone number is (571)272-1647. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 8AM - 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Vo can be reached on 571-272-4690. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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